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Dear Mr. Andrews and Mr. Wilks:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting that the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) conduct an investigation at the construction site for the Splashdown Thrill Ride and at the well site in the guest parking lot at Sea World in Mission Bay Park (Site), San Diego. Specifically, you urge DTSC to look at the issues surrounding the closed Mission Bay Landfill, clarify the situation, and intervene as appropriate.

DTSC has carefully reviewed your letter and researched your concerns with other regulatory agencies involved with this Site. Our research, described below, indicates that the Site is in compliance with the applicable requirements. The following are DTSC's findings, which may prove useful to an overall understanding of agencies' role, for the closed Mission Bay Landfill.

1. On June 11, 2003, City of San Diego/Environmental Services Department, Local Enforcement Agency (LEA), was granted authority by the City Council to award a contract to SCS Engineers. The contract includes a proposal to prepare and implement a site assessment of the closed Mission Bay Landfill. The project cost estimate for the initial work is \$600,000. The project will address community concerns regarding whether or not the site contains hazardous waste and the potential for materials in the site to impact human health and/or the environment. We believe that this study should provide definitive answers to the question of migrating gas risk from the landfill.